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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Sir.

In response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2006(Paper No.: 20060809), please find the Response to Office Action, in 6 pages.

I believe that no fee is incurred. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees required in connection with the filing of this paper to account No. 50-2620 (Order No.: 12777-US-PA).

Thank you for your assistance in the subject matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dear Sir:

The Office Action mailed on August 18, 2006 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please consider the following amendments and remarks.